

Attorney Docket No. 033818-099

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name:

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**DIENE RUBBER COMPOSITION FOR TIRES COMPRISING A SPECIFIC SILICA AS A
REINFORCING FILLER**

the specification of which (check only one item below):

is attached hereto, and was amended on _____ (if applicable).
 was filed as United States application number 10/777,075 on February 13, 2004
 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).
 was filed as PCT international application number _____ on _____
 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §§119 (a)-(d), 172 or 365(a) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

| PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§119(a)-(d), 172 OR 365(a): | | | |
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| COUNTRY (If PCT, Indicate "PCT") | APPLICATION NUMBER | DATE OF FILING (MM/DD/YYYY) | PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§119, 172 OR 365(a) |
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| PCT/EP | 02/09069 | 08/13/2002 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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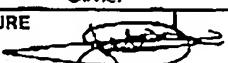
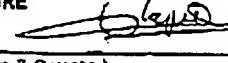
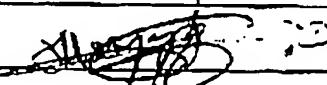
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I hereby appoint the attorneys and agent(s) associated with the following PTO Customer Number of Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis, L.L.P. to prosecute said application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and to file, prosecute and to transact all business in connection with international applications directed to said invention:

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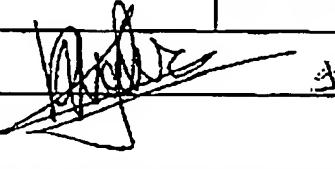
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